AMIN. & TUROCY LLP.

0

#5/Response A Foce/ F06072/21/05

PATENT

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE

I hereby certify that this correspondence (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being submitted via facsimile (703) 872-9318 on the date shown below and addressed to: Box Non-Fee Amendment, Assistant Commissioner for Patents, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: 2-18-03

Himanshu S. Amin

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of:

Applicants: Arvind Halliyal, et al.

Serial No: (09/804,283

Filing Date: March 12, 2001

Examiner: Igwe Anya

Art Unit: 2825

Title:

IN SITU MONITORING OF SHEET RESISTIVITY OF SILICIDES DURING

RAPID THERMAL ANNEALING USING ELECTRICAL METHODS

Box Non-Fee Amendment Assistant Commissioner for Patents U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D.C. 20231 **FAX RECEIVED**

FEB 1 8 2003

TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 21, 2002

Dear Sir:

Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments below